

The Georgia Board of Nursing met December 22, 2010 via teleconference at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, 31217.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Delynn Keeton, RN, MN, CPHRM, President
Scott Thigpen, RN, DNP, MSN, CEN, CCRN, Vice President
Mary Anderson, RN, BSN, MPH
Dawn Taylor, JD, Consumer Member
Barry Cranfill, RN, CRNA, MHS, MBA, FAAPM

MEMBERS ABSENT

Janice Flynn, DSN, RN
Nancy Robinson, RNC, LNHA

STAFF PRESENT

James Cleghorn, Executive Director
Gwendolyn Dodson, Administrative Assistant
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Keeton called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

PETITION WAIVER – DONNA HECKELMOSER

Thigpen moved to rescind previous board motion from the November 16-18, 2010 board meeting, deny waiver based on applicant does not meet practice requirements and applicant required to complete a board approved reentry program. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PETITION WAIVER – YVONNE NUMBIA

Taylor moved to grant the waiver allowing recognition of previous work experience and accept application for endorsement. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE – IRENE KAMAU

Anderson moved to request Ms. Kamau to submit preceptorship application for Kindred Hospital for Board approval. Cranfill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Taylor moved, Anderson seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5 (c) and 43-26-11, to *deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, December 22, 2010, Keeton declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Applicant R.R., #1257861 – Taylor moved to rescind previous board motion from the November 16-18, 2010 board meeting, deny the reentry plan for Atlantic Institute of Medicine and Rehab, and require applicant to complete a board approved reentry program in an acute care facility. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

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Anderson moved to accept the Cognizant Report regarding unlicensed/unauthorized practice and to refer identified cases to Legal Services for issuance of a Private Consent Order. Cranfill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**APP#1253386 APP#1261264 APP#1262576 APP#1231522 APP#1231546 APP#1250826 APP#1262892
APP#1264133**

CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS – ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

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RNI090258 – Taylor moved to amend the previous board motion from the November 17-18, 2010 board meeting to remove substance abuse stipulations, require respondent to continue current program of psychotherapy with drug screens and quarterly personal, employer and psychotherapy reports. The respondent may continue current employment as a home health nurse and may petition the Board to terminate probation upon receipt of a written statement from treating physician and/or psychotherapist that course of treatment is complete and patient does not require furthering monitoring. Cranfill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Anderson moved to accept the following consent orders as presented by the Attorney General's Office. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100955 Richardson, Cynthia Diana

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY PRESENT CASES

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RNI030111/RNI060418/RNI070150 – Thigpen moved to rescind previous board motion from the November 17-18, 2010 board meeting and lift narcotic restrictions. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090535 – Taylor moved to rescind previous board motion from the November 17-18, 2010 board meeting and release the investigative file to the Massachusetts Board of Nursing. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050306 – Taylor moved to rescind previous board motion from the November 17-18, 2010 board meeting and refer to the Attorney General's Office or a Public Consent Agreement to include probation until December 5, 2013, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions for one (1) year, quarterly reports-employer, aftercare, personal & psychotherapy and a fine of \$500 for previous consent order. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100732 – Thigpen moved to rescind previous board motion from the November 17-18, 2010 board meeting and refer to the Attorney General's Office or a Public Consent Order to include probation for four (4) years, narcotic restrictions for two (2) years, quarterly reports-employer, aftercare & personal and a fine of \$500 for previous consent order. Cranfill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100079 – Anderson moved to rescind previous board motion from the November 17-18, 2010 board meeting and to grant an investigative interview. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801940074/RNI050264/RNI090154 – Thigpen moved to rescind previous board motion from the November 17-18, 2010 board meeting and refer to the Attorney General's Office Hearing or an Amended Public Consent Order to include extension of current probation for one (1) year, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions for one (1) year, quarterly reports-employer, aftercare, personal & psychotherapy, a fine of \$1500 for previous consent orders and a \$400 fine for remaining balance of previous consent order. The licensee will six (6) months to pay the fine. If the licensee violates the consent order the board will proceed with revocation. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050306 – Cranfill moved to rescind previous board motion from the November 17-18, 2010 board meeting and refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Voluntary Surrender or Indefinite Suspension based on violation of consent order. Applicant may petition the board for restoration of licensure upon payment of \$1000 fine. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI110276/RNI110277 – Thigpen moved to rescind previous board motion from the November 17-18, 2010 board meeting and refer to Office of Inspector General to obtain patient's complete medical records and upon receipt of records request a Med-surgical peer review. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070393 – Thigpen moved to rescind previous board motion from the November 17-18, 2010 board meeting and close the case. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100077 – Thigpen moved to rescind previous board motion from the November 17-18, 2010 board meeting and refer to the Office of Inspector General to locate licensee to obtain a sworn statement concerning allegations and her failure to respond to the request for a statement; obtain evidence from the patient's medical record concerning the respondent's responsiveness to his medical needs/concerns and obtain any responses made or investigations conducted by facility. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090321 – Thigpen moved to deny renewal of licensure based on O.C.G.A. 50-13-18 (b). Cranfill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL/DISCIPLINE COGNIZANT CASES REPORT

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Taylor moved to ratify the recommendations of the Cognizant Board member regarding the following complaints listed below:

RNI100382	RNI090036	RNI110449	RNI080115	RNI070240	RNI100761	RNI080426
APP#1250932	APP#1260847	APP#1262289	APP#1259767	APP#1262450	RNI100748	APP#1262645
RNI110523	RNI110524	RNI110525	RNI100266	RNI090344	RNI100438	RNI110454
RNI110452	RNI090156	RNI110352	RNI110340	RNI110493	RNI110488	RNI110497
RNI110382	RNI110386	APP#1249859	APP#1261370	APP#1256229	APP#1237482	APP#122246
APP#1242249	APP#1262426	RNI110142	RNI100670	RNI100478	RNI110398	RNI100273
RNI100869	RNI100262	RNI110521	RNI110526			

Cranfill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENFORCEMENT

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RNI100575 – Taylor moved to rescind previous board motion from the November 17-18, 2010 board meeting and close the case. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL/DISCIPLINE COGNIZANT FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CASES REPORT

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Thigpen moved to ratify the recommendations of the Cognizant Board member to accept Private Consent Agreements for Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose arrests on application, as prepared; and upon receipt, allow the Executive Director to sign upon the express permission of the Board President. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI110500	RNI110501	RNI110502	RNI110510	RNI110485
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LEGAL SERVICES

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RNI100490 - Anderson moved to rescind previous board motion from the November 17-18, 2010 board meeting and refer to the Office of Inspector General to conduct a Department of Labor and Accurant search to locate respondent's current address of record.

Upon receipt, information should be referred to the Attorney General's Office for a Voluntary Surrender or Indefinite Suspension for failure to report board sanctions timely, failure to maintain current address of record with the Board and failure to respond to order issued by the Board. Cranfill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI110007 – Taylor moved to rescind the previous board motion from the July 13-14, 2010 and November 17-18, 2010 board meetings and refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of licensure with a fine of \$200 for unlicensed practice. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI110318 – Taylor moved to rescind the previous board motion from the November 17-18, 2010 board meeting and refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of licensure with a fine of \$4300 for unlicensed practice and to grant extension of temporary permit. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100826 – Thigpen moved to rescind the previous board motion from the November 17-18, 2010 board meeting, and grant personal appearance and extension of temporary permit. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI110238 – Thigpen moved to rescind the previous board motion from the November 17-18, 2010 board meeting and refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of licensure with a fine of \$250 for unlicensed practice and fine of \$500 for previous consent agreement. Cranfill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Delynn Keeton, ***President***

James Cleghorn, ***Executive Director***

The minutes were recorded by Gwendolyn Dodson, Administrative Assistant, and approved January 13, 2011.